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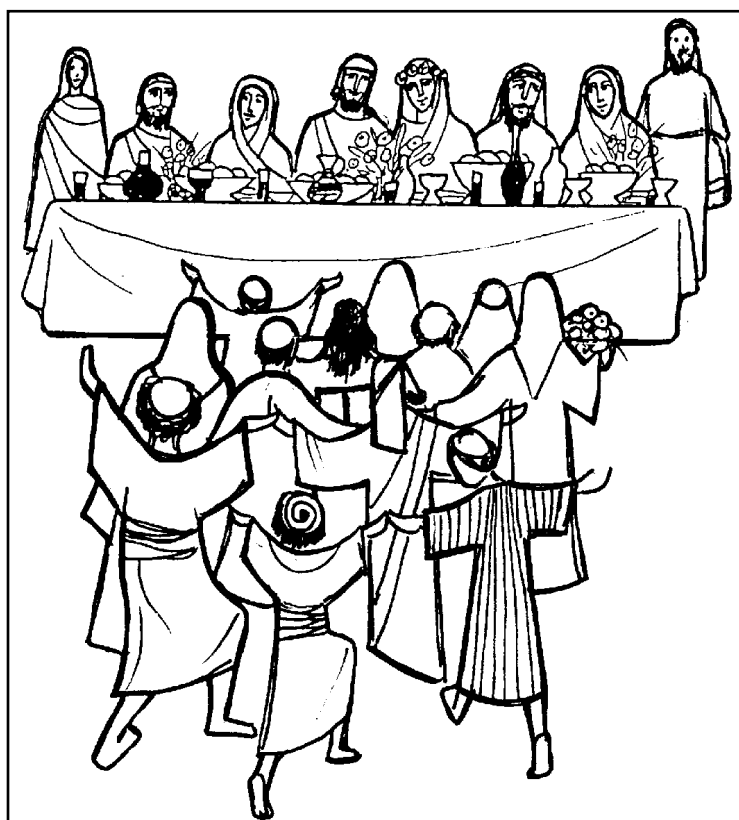
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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Invited to Love's Banquet

'The Kingdom is like a wedding feast!' A King's Son's Wedding Feast! The King of Kings and Lord of Lords' Wedding Feast! A Wedding Feast like no other, where we are both the honoured guests - and we are the Bride being betrothed, being wedded to God, to the Lamb of Sacrifice.

And the rich food, fine wines of the Wedding Feast? The Body and Blood of the Lord, His self-giving and transforming Love. Indeed this is Love's Feast - and our lives are interwoven with the strands of the Divine Spirit, with the Love of Jesus; Love calls us there, Love nourishes us there, Love weds us there, Love fulfils us there - and Love sends us from the gathering into the world to be Love healing and gathering and challenging and creating a new world of justice, equality and freedom. Let us allow Love's banquet to change our lives and our world! For God is this Love!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS 'for Peace in the time of War' at 10.00am (*streamed on website*)
Mass with the LBGTQ+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all welcome

MONDAY: *No Liturgy today*

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr (1st Century)*
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Luke, Evangelist*
Adoration at 6.00pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.30pm

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THURSDAY: *Feast of Ss Jean de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & North American Martyrs (1600's)*
Adoration at 11.30pm **Mass at 12noon**

FRIDAY: *Adoration* at 8.30pm **Mass at 9.00am**

SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass at 12 noon**
Zimbabwean Mass in Shona at 1.30pm - all welcome

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY: [1] On the **Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Year A** we rejoice in a God who welcomes everyone and invites everyone to 'the banquet of life' - life eternal and life in all its fulness here and now. The Eucharist is the great 'banquet of life' - all are invited to eat and drink of Jesus, Bread of Life and Cup of Love. Never let us refuse His invitation to come to the feast, never let us make excuses for coming!

[2] With the horror of the events in Israel/Palestine, the 10.00am Mass is celebrated as a '**Mass for Peace in the time of War**'. There is an urgent need for us not only to prayer for peace built on Justice and Security for both Palestinians and Israelis, but also campaign for an end to the terrible destruction of lives and communities, the safe return of the hostages and all parties to observe humanity and not commit war crimes.

[3] **Mass with our LGBTQ+ community and friends** at 3.00pm. Already in the Synod meeting in Rome (which has just begun), the call to be a more inclusive Church that values both women's gifts and ministries, and the faith and love of our LGBTQ+ Catholics has been highlighted strongly. Continue to invoke the Holy Spirit on us all.

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] With the **Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Year A** we celebrate Jesus who challenges us to place loyalty to the Gospel and person of Jesus before any political, ethnic, cultural, or national allegiance. This loyalty to the Gospel and Jesus of Peace and Justice is the motive and framework of our call to be politically aware and active in ways that build the Kingdom of Justice, Love and peace upon the Earth!

[2] It is **World Mission Sunday** when we recommit ourselves to the Mission of the Gospel that is both local and global... and our global responsibility to 'build a better world' and to 'heal our Common Home, our Planet' could not be more urgent!

[3] There is a **Retiring Collection for Missio, the Church's official fund for world-wide Mission**. Those of you who have the Red Mission Boxes, please make sure they are handed in for counting; if you do not have a 'Red Mission Box', please ask Debo who can provide one - a man easy way to keep mission in mind and support it financially. Thank you for your generosity for this very important collection.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Margaret Mary, Coleford, Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford, Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent with Blaisdon served by Fr Frank Wainwright, Deacon Paul Dekkers, and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for our **Lay Ministers of the Eucharist**. This Ministry enables us all to be fed with the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass, during Services of Word and Communion and very importantly by reaching out to housebound and elderly parishioners with Communion on a weekly basis. They enable us to be a truly Eucharistic Community in Mission.

COLLECTION FOR THE PAST WEEKS

G.A.Env £25.00 + Loose £346.90 + Card Reader £24.58 + S/O £165.88 = £562.36

CAFOD £155.86 Caritas Fund £45.00 - *many thanks*

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DATES FOR THE DIARY 2023

17th Oct	Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
19th Oct	Meeting of Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm (via Zoom)
27th Oct	Memorial Service for Tyrone Hayman RIP at 10.30am
28th Oct	Meeting of the Joint Committees PPC, PFC, Legacy Group at 9.30am
1st Nov	All Saints Day - Holyday of Obligation
2nd Nov	All Soul's Day - come and pray for our beloved who have died
11th Nov	'Jesus Youth' Vigil at St Nicks 8.00-11.00pm (for 18+)
17th Nov	First Parents Baptismal Preparation Session at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
19th Nov	Rite of Child Catechumen (or Welcoming) at 10.00am Mass
22nd Nov	Meeting of St Nick's School Governors
24th Nov	Second Parents Baptismal Preparation Session at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
26th Nov	Feast of Christ the King and Baptismal Sunday

ISRAEL-PALESTINE WAR - A CALL TO PRAYER AND HUMANITY I wrote on Friday on behalf of the St Nick's community the following to our local Jewish Synagogue community: *'I write on behalf our St Nick's community to assure you and all our Jewish sisters and brothers of our heartfelt prayer both for the people of Israel and the people of Gaza before the horror that is unfolding in the land all the Abrahamic faiths hold as holy. Hamas have perpetrated an horrific attack on innocent people in Israel made worse by the taking of hostages. And as a consequence the innocent people of Gaza are now being subjected to horrific attacks. In the name of our shared humanity, and as people of faith, we pray the prayer of Lamentation for the immense ocean of suffering and grief that is filling this our shared Holy Land. Is it possible that Christians, Jews and Moslems here in Bristol could come together in an act of prayer and friendship for Peace - a peace build upon the only solid foundation ... Justice and security for all? Shalom! Salaam! Shanti! Peace!'*

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION FOR PARENTS Our next **Baptismal Sunday is on the Feast of Christ the King, 26th November at 10.00am Mass.** The first Preparation Session will be on Friday 17th November at 6.30pm in the Assisi Centre, with **Rite of Child Catechumen on Sunday 19th November at 10.00am Mass.** Second Preparation Session is on Friday 24th November at 6.30pm in the Assisi Centre. Any parents seeking the Baptism of their child, please contact Eustace Tameh or Richard.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS TO THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL I am pleased to announce that the following have been elected to serve on the PPC and to wish to thank them and all who agreed to be nominated for being willing to serve the parish in this way. The following are duly elected: **Patricia Bird, Grace Etim, Nelson Katenga, Benedicta Lobela Amba, Claudio Munguia, Patricia Songu, Carol Strange.** The PPC meets next on Tuesday 17th October at 7.15pm in the Assisi Centre. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend the Mass at 6.30pm, asking the Holy Spirit's guidance on our work.

THE CHURCH IN SYNOD - BOTH GLOBALLY AND LOCALLY Pope Francis is presiding over the Rome Synod Assembly which he opened on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi - he who 'rebuilt the Church' in the 13th century bringing about the Franciscan Renewal of the Church. Pope Francis also issued that day his 'Apostolic Exhortation' on the urgency of action required to limit Global Warming - a follow up to his groundbreaking Encyclical Letter 'Laudato Si'. This reminds the Church that we seek Renewal and Reform so that we can better fulfil the Mission of God's Love for the World. The Synod Assembly is part of the Global Synod we have taken part in and its work will be completed next year with a second Synod Assembly on the theme of 'Synodality' - a new Way of being Church for our times. During his Homily at the

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opening Mass of the Synod, he reminded us that 'the Church must open wide our doors to EVERYONE, EVERYONE, EVERYONE'!

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO PARISH CAR PARKING AND FUND-RAISING

On Tuesday 17th October, the company 'YourParkingSpace' is installing a car registration recognition camera at the entrance to the parish and Dunstan centre car park, together with signs giving full instructions of how to pay digitally for daily or weekly parking. Those who are already contracted with the parish for parking are not affected, but all others who wish to park there will need to comply with the instruction panels. There will be fines issued to those who park without paying or a contract with the parish. ***IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT PARISHIONERS NOTE THE FOLLOWING: This system operates from Monday to Friday 24 hours, but does not operate on Saturdays and Sundays. Also all parishioners parking because of attending weekday Mass, parish meetings, volunteering or coming to the parish office or presbytery will be exempt from parking charges or fines - provided they register their car number plate in the church or parish office. We have no intention of charge parishioners for parking here on parish business or for worship.***

A DAY TO EXPLORE THE MINISTRY OF CATECHESIS In partnership with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, the Diocese is offering a day to explore the Ministry of Catechesis. With Mass and taking time to pray together, we will look at the vocation of the catechist, integrating catechesis into the wider Church, the formation of the catechist and how to plan a catechetical session. **Saturday 28 October at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge.** Beginning 10am, refreshments from 9.15am and ending at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Participants can sign up for the day via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668215439367>

ST NICK'S SCHOOL NEWS

[1] Free Family Forest Sessions

St Nicholas of Tolentine RC Primary school are holding free family forest school sessions for pre-school children and families. The first one took place on Wednesday 20th September 1.30pm – 3pm. If you would like to attend, please call the school office on 0117 377 2260 or email st.nicholas.p@bristolschools.uk to book a place!

[2] New to English lessons

St Nicholas of Tolentine Primary School has secured an 8-week course for individuals new to English. If you would like to improve your English skills, you are welcome to book a spot. These will take place on Mondays, starting on Monday 18th September at 1pm. Please contact the school to book your space, 01173772260

[3] Reception Class September 2024

Are you looking for a place for your child in Reception class in September 2024, or know of anyone who is, then please do come along to our Reception open mornings. This is a chance for you see our caring and inclusive school in action. If you are unable to attend on the dates below, please do call the school office (01173772260) and book a convenient time - every day is an open day!

Wednesday 1st November 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Thursday 7th December 9.30am - 11.30am

CHURCH CLEANING - FRIDAY MORNINGS

Thank you to those who have been serving the parish in this way each Friday morning from about 10.00am onwards. **Some have found work so we urgently need more volunteers who can commit once or twice a month to come.** Please Contact Eddie or Richard to volunteer for this ministry, this act of service to God and the whole community. Thank you!

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